

LORAIN ROTARY STEEL WHEEL

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LORAIN ROTARY CLUB

A Note From the President: Mike Mayse

Connecting the World through Rotary

Improved antimalaria measures and simple health practices have contributed to the decline of child deaths worldwide, according to a report released by UNICEF in September.

The study showed that an estimated 8.8 million children under five died in 2008 compared with 12.5 million in 1990, a drop of 28 percent and the lowest since recordkeeping began in 1960, UNICEF says.

"These new figures underscore the importance of the work that Rotary does," says 2008-09 RI President Dong Kurn Lee, who chose to focus on child mortality during his term. "The great majority of child deaths are preventable, and most of them can be prevented with relatively inexpensive interventions -- something as simple as a water filter, antibiotics, or a trained birth attendant."

The UNICEF report attributed the drop in child mortality largely to health interventions such as immunizations, vitamin A supplements, improved prevention of mother-to-child HIV/AIDS transmission, and the use of antimalaria mosquito nets.

Although all regions of the world have made progress, millions of children still die each year, with 40 percent of those deaths occurring in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, and Nigeria, according to the report.

In 2008, more than half of all World Community Service health projects focused on reducing child mortality, involving medical clinics, health care training, and nutrition, according to Rotary International's ProjectLINK database.

Here are a few examples of innovative Rotary club projects that are addressing child mortality:

Rotary clubs in Great Britain, Ireland, and Tanzania collaborated to form Rotarians Eliminating Malaria in Tanzania. The group used two Matching Grants and one Health, Hunger and Humanity Grant to provide more than 200,000 mosquito nets to communities in and around Arusha.

The Rotary Club of New Manila Heights, Quezon City, Philippines, launched a project in 2007 to treat 90 children under the age of 10 for tuberculosis. **(continued, page 4)**

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"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all."

- Stanley Horowitz

Is it your
turn to get a
speaker for
a Rotary
meeting?

Greeters

11/5 Brad Davis
11/12 Homer Virden
11/19 Joe Deliman

Sgt-At-Arms

Rob Levit



Paul Harris Fellows that were inducted by the District Governor on October 29th. Missing from the photo: Tom Ryan and Jim Park.

Speakers

November 5th: Speaker: Dr. Cheryl Atkinson; Topic: State of the Schools Address-Lorain City Schools

November 12: Speaker: Campy Russell, Cleveland Cavaliers; Facilitator, Ron Mantini

November 19: Speaker: Catherine Gabe; Facilitator, Elaine Georgas; Topic: "What's It like to Live in Lorain County - the results from the 2009 Student Youth Survey"

November 26: Happy Thanksgiving!!!



What can you do for the Future of Rotary?

Talk to a board member about your ideas.

Rotary Birthdays

Nov. 2 Vince Giovannazzo

Nov. 5 Lori Maiorana

Nov. 10 Tim Jenkins

Nov. 12 James Wilson

Nov. 16 Bill Somers

Nov. 17 Mike Bass

Rotary Anniversaries

Doug Witter 11/03/61

Tom Boyer 11/15/73

Greg Argenti 11/22/88

Len DeLuca 11/29/90

Phil Dore 11/01/01

(Rotary Board Minutes, continued)**New Business:**

Dianne Brehm received a request from the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee. It was noted that although many Rotarians work on the float, the majority of the 6,500 hours in preparing the decorations and applying them to the float was done by Roteract and Interact members. An offering will be taken up by the membership as the committee is asking \$3.00 per member.

The Lorain Rotary purchased and put up the flag pole at the driveway entrance to Second Harvest many years ago. Most people do not know this and a discussion took place on putting a plaque on the Flag Pole noting Lorain Rotary's involvement.

At 8:50 A.M., with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

PLEASE NOTE: ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 7:30 A.M. AT THE MEETING PLACE, 1606 COOPER FOSTER PARK ROAD. THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ROTARY MEMBERS AND COUNT AS A MAKEUP!

The next Board of Directors' meeting will be **Wednesday, November 11, 2009.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne C. Brehm

Secretary

President's Letter, continued

Headed by a Rotarian physician, the effort provides medicine and distributes food to the children.

"It's important to recognize the progress we've made, and how we've made that progress," Lee says. "But we also need to acknowledge that there is still a great deal left to be done in the area of child mortality -- and that there is a very great deal that we as Rotarians can and should be doing."

This month we are recognizing 17 Paul Harris Fellows for their outstanding support for International projects like the ones described above. Together we connect the world through Rotary International and the Lorain Rotary Club.



Tony Cuevas, Clarence Wills and the District Governor: thanking Wills for donating Foundation Recognition Points to Lorain Rotary Club

Attend a Lorain Rotary Board Meeting. It counts as a makeup for attendance.

Lorain Rotary Board Minutes – October 14, 2009

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2009 minutes as presented was made by Sanford Washington, seconded by Tom Boyer and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Huston presented the Treasurer's Report for September. \$1,500 was spent on billboards for the Trivia/Silent Auction event. The two CDs will be coming due at the end of November. The monies approved last month for the purchase of a Shelter Box

will be sent this month. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Dianne Brehm, seconded by Jim Wilson and carried.

District Governor's Meeting: District Governor Jim Heinrich will be visiting the club on October 29th. The 17 inductees as Paul Harris Fellows will be presented. Clarence Wills, Past President of the Elyria Club, will be invited and honored for his contribution of Foundation Recognition Points for the club's matching points program. The local media will be invited to attend.

District Conference: Attendance was poor at the District Conference held in Findley on October 3rd. A Pilot Program involving 100 Districts around the world is currently running. The Pilot Program is requiring Rotary Clubs to team up with other clubs to apply for a minimum of \$25,000 grant for international projects. The District's Simplified Grant program was also discussed. Lorain Rotary's Nakuru project would qualify for this grant.

Dictionary Project: Tony Cuevas presented a summary of a discussion had with Betty Velasquez of the Lorain City Schools regarding the Rotary 3rd Grade Dictionary Project. A motion to pay the Lorain City Schools \$3,296.94 with the available to spend funds held at the Community Foundation was made by Jim Wilson, seconded Carolyn Huston and carried. The payment represents \$2,367.56 for Lorain City School's Students and \$1,029.38 for Clearview School's students with \$514.69 being reimbursed to Lorain Rotary Club by Clearview Schools.

Endorsements – The Club received two endorsement requests:

Lorain Port Works Levy Committee for the renewal of the Lorain Port Authority's levy.

A letter of support for U.S. EOA Brownfield Assessment Grant.

These requests were denied as the board represents the full membership of the club and it has been practice that endorsement of any levy, candidate, partisan or non-partisan, not be undertaken. The by-laws of Lorain Rotary will be reviewed and a section be added to the by-laws regarding endorsements after board and club approval.

Trivia Fundraiser: Participants are needed for the Lorain Rotary Team. Five more billboards will be going up tomorrow.

Committee Reports

Club Service I: No Report

Club Service II: A motion by Tom Boyer to approve a request by Matt Humphrey for a leave of absence until December was made, seconded by Carolyn Huston and carried.

Doug Mathews reported that attendance for the month of September was 66%.

Community Service Report: A request from Southview Model UN for \$2,500 to send 25 students to New York City

over Christmas break was received. The request summarized what the students would do on this field trip, as well as the cost. During discussions, concerns were voiced regarding Lorain City Schools replying funding was not available, district grant writer was unsuccessful, what happens with the funds if the students don't go, and that the field trip was less than three months away. Based on the concerns, the request was denied.

Vocational Service Report: Sanford Washington announced the STRIVE program is in session and that attendance should not be a problem this year.

International Service: No Report

FAC Report: Tony Cuevas reported he spoke with Clarence Wills and a meeting among FACs from area clubs is being planned to discuss applying together for District Grant Monies.

Program: No Report

PR/Marketing: No Report

Jerry Prucha Fund: No Report

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Make Dreams Real

Day of Week	Rotary Club	Time of Meeting	Location
Monday	Amherst	12:05 p.m.	St. Joseph Church
Tuesday	Elyria Noon	12:00 p.m.	Elyria United Methodist Village
Tuesday	Avon/Avon Lake	7:30 a.m.	Sprenger Retirement Center
Wednesday	Vermilion	12:00 p.m.	German's Villa
Second Wednesday/ month	Lorain Rotary Board	7:30 a.m.	The Meeting Place
Thursday	Elyria Sunrise	7:45 a.m.	Elyria United Methodist Village
Friday	Oberlin	12:10 p.m.	Oberlin Inn
Friday	North Ridgeville	12:00 p.m.	Senior Center (City Hall)